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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/505,144	Applicant(s) WATKINS ET AL.	
	Examiner Eisa B. Elhilo	Art Unit 1751	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claims 1-11 are pending in this application.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 6-10 objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative only, and/or, can not depend from any other multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 6-10 not been further treated on the merits.

2. Claims 6-10 objected to because of the following informalities:

Claims 6-10 recite the limitations “composition or method”. The claims should depend of the recited method claims or composition claims separately. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Giddey et al.* (US 5,053,219).

Giddey et al. (US' 219) teaches a cosmetic composition comprising yogurt or whey (see col. 2, lines 13-25 and col. 34-39), wherein the cosmetic composition is used for care of hair, in particular shampoos, hair lotion and dyes (see col. 2, lines 45-50 and col. 7, claim 9). *Giddey et al.* (US' 219) teaches all the limitations of the instant claims. Hence, *Giddey et al.* (US' 219) anticipates the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4 The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Giddey et al. (US 5,053,219).

Giddey et al. (US' 219) teaches a cosmetic composition comprising milk-derived proteins in the amounts of 3-15% (see col. 4, lines 21-24), wherein the composition is formulated as a shampoo for care of hair (see col. 4, lines 11-14).

The instant claims differ from the reference by reciting specific percentage amounts of yogurt as a milk product.

However, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to optimize the amount of the yogurt in the cosmetic composition to arrive at the claimed invention because Giddey et al. (US' 219) teaches a composition comprising 3-15% of a milk-derived proteins, and, thus, a person of the ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to optimize the amount of the yogurt in the cosmetic composition in order to get the maximum effective amounts of the yogurt in the composition and would expect such a composition to have similar properties to those claimed, absent unexpected results.

5 Claim 11 is allowed because the prior art of record do not teach or disclose the claimed method wherein the yogurt or modified yogurt is applied to hair before, during or after application of a dye to the hair.

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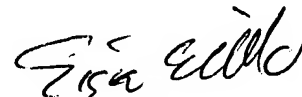
Conclusion

6 The references listed on from PTO-1449 have been reviewed by the examiner and are considered to be cumulative to or less material than the prior art references relied upon in the rejection above.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eisa B. Elhilo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1315. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (8:00 -4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas McGinty can be reached on (571) 272-1029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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